

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010
CITY HALL
22710 E. COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Mayor Van Orman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council and City Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Crump
Council Member Schuler
Council Member Beckett
Council Member Langford
Council Member Owens
Council Member Romney
Council Member Kaminskis

Doug Smith, Director of Community Dev.
Ann Swenson, City Clerk
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Jessica Platt, Administrative Services Manager
Michelle Griffin, Accounting Technician

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Shanna Hale, 121 N. Lindeblad Lane: reported she talked to residents about looking at a different option for the Lakeside road issue. She then read into the record a letter that addressed support for the suggested option, concerns with County approvals, timelines and funding, as well as future meetings to continue forward progress.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Schuler provided an update on her attendance at the ad hoc meeting regarding road improvements at Bella Lago. She distributed handouts of a map of the area and a rendering of the suggested improvement. She explained Councilman Langford had proposed constructing a boardwalk as an alternative for connectivity in the

area. She said it is a good, positive, long-term solution and the City is going forward with looking at funding options and expenditures associated with the improvement. She announced stakeholder discussions continue and more information will be forthcoming.

Mayor Pro Tem Crump provided a Finance Committee report. The committee discussed and reviewed vouchers. Other discussions included an upcoming Ordinance regarding the City's auditing officer, changing staff reports from monthly to quarterly, and comparisons for municipal insurance. Mayor Pro Tem Crump also reported about last week's open house at the library.

Council Member Schuler provided highlights from the Public Safety Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the K-9 proposal, which will be coming before the Council in the near future. Other discussions included an officer-involved pursuit, LLPD's active involvement with pursuing grants, and installation of surveillance cameras at the skate park. Council Member Owens added the police officers' contract will be coming up for negotiations this year and will also be coming before the Council.

Council Member Schuler then talked about her work for the Wounded Warriors and her involvement with the Operation Spokane Heroes program. She will represent the City of Liberty Lake in an upcoming program called the "Ladies & Gentleman's Program".

Mayor Van Orman reported about her attendance at the Liberty Lake advisory group meeting. She also talked about Central Valley School District's ongoing strategic planning. Mayor Van Orman reported about a roundtable discussion with Senator Maria Cantwell, where healthcare, lack of investment funding, lines of credit, and what governments can do to help small business were addressed. She reported the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber will expand to its second location in the incubator space at Greenstone. She attended Mayor Verner's State of the City Address, and said it looks like Spokane will again be selected to host a future skating competition. In closing, she invited everyone to attend the HUB's open house, February 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Schuler also reported about her attendance at The Lakes Conference. She talked about City of Liberty Lake's advances in addressing milfoil. She said, due to a combination of harvesting the milfoil as well as the application of 24D, we are seeing the best results in the region, and she expects to see this implemented in other lakes in Northern Idaho and Washington.

Mayor Van Orman then introduced Mr. Ernie Aguilar.

PRESENTATIONS

US Census Bureau: Ernie Aguilar, representing the United State Census Bureau, gave a presentation to promote the Census and to provide education. He explained that the US Census Bureau's operation is second only to current military operations. He talked about the staff it takes to operate the Census, the funding that is provided as a result of the count, and the confidential nature of the responses. He discussed the importance of community partnership and asked for the City's support. April 1st is the official Census Day.

Mayor Van Orman thanked Mr. Aguilar for his presentation and committed to “do as much as we can as a City” to partner with the Bureau in getting the Census information to the public. She then welcomed City staff to conduct their presentations, outlined below.

Quarterly and Year-End Financial Report: Jessica Platt, Administrative Services Manager, provided a brief financial summary of the fourth quarter and year-end financial report and an economic update. Overall, the General Fund is in a solid financial position with \$4.2 million. She reported the economic recovery is expected to be slow, but positive changes are being seen in major economic indicators. Liberty Lake continues to see incremental growth, however, is down from previous years. At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Platt introduced Michelle Griffin.

Grant Status Report: Michelle Griffin, Accounting Technician, then provided a status report on the City's 2009-2010 grants. Staff have been very successful in obtaining grant funding for the City, resulting in a total of \$854,611.44. Ms. Griffin talked about the major grant awarded by the State for Phase 2 of Rocky Hill Park, which totaled \$503,500. She also spoke about other grants that were awarded, which included funding for the skate park, Planning & Building Services' records management program, Liberty Lake Municipal Library's services and technology, and multiple Public Safety awards. She said the City's most recent grant was awarded by the Department of Commerce for energy efficiency and conservation and will be utilized to install a solar array system at the Public Safety building; the first of its kind in Washington state. City staff continues with endeavors to secure grant funding for our City. A \$288,859 grant application is currently being processed for commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the City Council meeting minutes from February 2, 2010 and vouchers through February 16, 2010 in the amount of \$138,690.53, seconded by Council Member Owens. Motion carried unanimously. Check sequences were: manual check #12372 in the amount of \$126.00, EFT and checks 12381 through 12426, totaling \$52,370.97, and payroll sequences 12373 through 12380, totaling \$86,193.56.

Agreement for Services: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to approve the Agreement for Services for Wiley E. Waters River Rafting, seconded by Council Member Langford. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Crump then moved to approve the Agreement for Tai Chi for Health, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Renewal Agreement with Spokane County: Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved to renew the Animal Control Agreement with Spokane County, seconded by Council Member Schuler. Motion passed unanimously.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Paperless City Council Packets: In an attempt to get some feedback and direction from the City Council, Accounting Technician, Michelle Griffin, conducted a presentation on paperless City Council packets. She outlined the agenda and technology processes and compared the benefits and the costs with the current system vs. an electronic one.

After discussions by the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crump moved that the Mayor direct staff to review some very specific options to go paperless, seconded by Council Member Beckett. Motion carried unanimously.


Responsible Pet Ownership: Mayor Van Orman read an email from a resident who wanted to implement a fine for those pet owners who fail to pick up after their animals. She reported the City does not impose a fine, but it has addressed this concern in the animal control Ordinance. She suggested possibly conducting an education campaign. A brief discussion was held, and it was determined the City should remind pet owners to act socially responsible and be accountable for their animals. The reminder will be presented in an upcoming City newsletter.

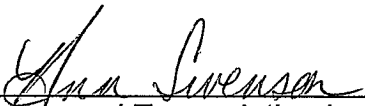
Update on Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) Interlocal Agreement: Mayor Van Orman provided an update on the Spokane Regional Transportation Council's Interlocal Agreement. She outlined the recent changes that have been made to the draft document and said she anticipates a final version soon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

These minutes are approved on March 2, 2010.


Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake


Notes and Transcription by Ann Swenson, City Clerk. This Council meeting was also audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.